

THE CENTER FOR CREATIVE EDUCATION

A Colorful Evening to Remember



John and Diane Sculley, Event Chairs for
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Eric Telchin, Center for Creative Education Board member, reads to The
Foundations School students from his new book, *The Color Factory*

The Center for Creative Education (CCE) has been a leading figure in arts education in Palm Beach County for over 27 years. But on Saturday, April 9th, guests at CCE's annual benefit, *A Colorful Evening to Remember*, chaired by supporters **Diane and John Sculley**, will find an organization that has their eye on the future.

This year's event is themed around CCE Board member **Eric Telchin's** children's book *The Color Factory*, which tells the story of what happens when the workers at the color factory make a new color that is not factory approved. CCE feels that this narrative reflects their mission to break the mold in education and create new, exciting experiences for their students.

A Colorful Evening to Remember will take place at CCE's campus in Northwood Village. It will include colorful décor, vibrant cocktails, and energizing entertainment as well as passed hors d'oeuvres and a seated dinner. Guests will be able to interact with CCE's students and see the story of *The Color Factory* reflected in their artwork.

"Everything we do is centered on our mission, and this event is no exception," said President and CEO **Robert Hamon**. "We love to bring out the 'kid' in each of us through our events, and we are honored to have such wonderful leaders and Board members like the Sculleys and Eric who believe in our mission and want to support underserved children

in Palm Beach County. We have planned a fantastic event that ties together our vision for the future with a fun and vivid theme that will certainly entertain our guests."

CCE was created in 1994 as an educational nonprofit to address the defunding of arts education in the Palm Beach County public school system. It began by transforming artists into "teaching" artists who collaborate with classroom teachers to demonstrate how creativity and the arts can improve the learning process for all students. Eventually, the organization started sending teachers into the classroom with the goal of integrating the arts into academic subjects. CCE's services now include in-house programs, afterschool programs, and a summer academy, in addition to its latest educational endeavor, **The Foundations School**.

The Foundations School, which launched in January 2021, is an independent elementary school that allows CCE to implement its years of experience in arts integration into a full-time education for young students. The school is designed to support students living in underserved communities, and no student is turned away for inability to pay.

"Our goal at CCE has always been to transform teaching and learning through creativity and the arts," continued Hamon. "Now, with The Foundations School, we are leveraging our 27 years of arts in education teaching skills developed while working in The School District of Palm Beach County,

Prime Time Palm Beach County, and private and charter schools in our area. Our creative approach now spans the entire school day with academically at-risk students in our own setting, instead of just an hour a week in their traditional public school classroom or an afterschool setting. We are already seeing dramatic and important results."

This will be the last major event at CCE's current campus; in June 2022, the organization will move to its new campus, currently under construction in West Palm Beach. The new campus, which will include a renovated 28,000-square-foot building that will welcome students and families in Fall 2022 and a new 22,000-square-foot building that is expected to open in 2023, will allow CCE to expand its educational services at The Foundations School and beyond.

"By attending or supporting our event, your contributions to CCE will allow us to hire the best staff, to provide the best educational services, and to give our students a chance at a brighter future," said Hamon.

Tickets to the springtime event are \$750 per person and sponsorships are also available. To learn more about *A Colorful Evening to Remember*, general CCE programming, or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Center for Creative Education, a 501(c)(3), contact **Vivianne Hall** at 561.805.9927, ext. 105 or email vivianneh@cceflorida.org.

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